MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION NOVEMBER 14, 2017 – 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ANNEX – COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Chairman Pritchard called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Regular members present: Pritchard, Munn, Kane, Zod, Steinford

Members absent: Tarbox

Staff present: Jones, Hovland

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 10, 2017

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of October 10, 2017 as amended.

Motion made by Kane, seconded by Steinford, so voted unanimously.

- III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS None
- IV. SUBDIVISIONS None
- V. SITE PLANS None
- VI. OLD BUSINESS None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. City of Groton referral for Public Hearing on October 17, 2017/November 21, 2017-Zone text amendment/Historic/Institutional adaptive reuse

Staff explained the text amendment for the City of Groton Zoning Regulations is to allow adaptive reuse of historic structures city-wide that were previously owned by the town, city, state, or other institution. The regulation was initially developed to aid in the marketing of Groton Heights.

The Commission had no comment.

2. Report of Commission

Steinford inquired about the activity status of the Poquonnock Bridge Fire House. Staff had met with the owners of the property a year prior wherein the owners shared ideas of what to do with the land. Staff explained that those ideas would have been difficult to actualize for various reasons. The property may be on the market again.

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3. New Applications- None

VIII. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Pritchard reported that he has been attending Zoning Commission meetings regularly. He then discussed the holiday party and the Commission agreed to plan it for after the December 12th meeting at the Seahorse. All land use commissions will be invited to attend.

REPORT OF STAFF

Staff reported that the Council has voted to eliminate the Zoning Commission and create a seven-member Planning and Zoning Commission starting in January of 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. was made by Munn, seconded by Steinford, so voted unanimously.

Hal Zod, Secretary Planning Commission

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